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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2001, be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from January 23, 2002 to and including February 23, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$55.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

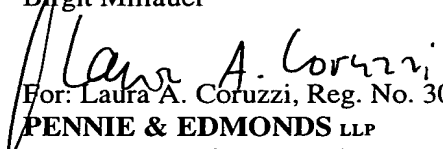
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